(घ) क्या यह सच है कि इन परियोजनाओं के निर्माण को पूरा करने के लिए अपेक्षित निधियों की कमी भी महसूस की जा रही है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इन परियोजनाओं के निर्माण को पूरा करने के लिए कुल कितनी धनराशी की आवश्यकता है और उनके निर्माण पर पहले ही कितनी धनराशी खर्च की जा चुकी है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में तथा जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. के. थुंगन) ;

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) 158 वृहद, 226 मझौली और 95 विस्तार/नवीकरण/आधुनिकीकरण योजनाएं आठवीं योजना में आगे लाई गई हैं । 9/94 तक उपर्युक्त में से, 7 वृहद, 6 मध्यम तथा 2 विस्तार/नवीकरण/आधुनिकीकरण योजनाएं पूरी हो गई हैं । इनकी कुल चरम क्षमता 24.812 मिलियन हेक्टेयर है ।

(घ) सिंचाई परियोजनाओं को पूरा करने में विलंब के कारणों में से एक कारण निधियों की कमी है ।

(ङ) आठवीं योजना के शुरू में निर्माणाधीन वृहद, मझौली और विस्तार/नवीकरण/आधुनिकीकरण योजनाओं की कुल अनुमानित लागत 65,576 करोड़ रुपये हैं तथा 3/92 तक 25.503 करोड़ रुपये की राशि खर्च की गई है । वर्ष 1992—94 के दौरान इन योजनाओं पर अतिरिक्त प्रत्याशि व्यय 5,631 करोड़ रुपये है ।

Foreign Aid and Loan for Flood control Projects

1662. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of foreign aid and loan received for Flood Control Projects during the year, 1992-93, 1993-94 and upto June 1994-95; and

(b) the amount allocated to various projects, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) :

(a) During 1992-93, 1993-94 and upto June, 1994-95 no foreign aid and loans were received for flood control projects.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in Irrigation Charges

1663. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a report to increase the irrigation charges to cover the higher cost of operation and maintenance;

(b) if so, what are the criterion used to ascertain these charges ;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of irrigation schemes are incurring heavy losses due to substandard maintenance; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that operation and maintenance departments are involved in large scale corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) :

(a) The Committee on Pricing of Irrigation Water set up by the Planning Commission in October '91 submitted its report in September '92. The Irrigation being a State subject, the copies of the report have been circulated to all the States/Union Territories.

(b) The Committee recommended water charges to be treated as User's charge with an eventual objective to recover full cost i.e. operation and maintenance costs, interest and depreciation in phases. The Committee also recommended that in the first phase, water charges should cover atleast operation and maintenance costs and one per cent interest on capital employed.